

samples that were found to be without residual chlorine were mostly from JJ colonies, resettlement colonies and unauthorised colonies where socio-economic conditions, personal hygiene standards and water storage practices are either poor or not upto the mark. In areas without piped water supply or where the piped water supply is scarce, the ground water is drawn through hand pumps and other devices. The shallow ground water has been found to be contaminated in some such cases.

(c) The following steps are being taken to make the water potable:

- (i) Surveillance of water quality is being maintained both the Delhi Jal Board and the Municipal Corporation of Delhi by regular collection and testing of samples, particularly from the vulnerable areas;
- (ii) In areas without piped water supply, chlorinated water is being provided through tankers;
- (iii) Chlorine tablets for chlorinating water at home has also been arranged in areas without piped water; and
- (iv) Health education campaigns with appropriate messages are also being conducted regularly.

**Setting up of Earthquake and Typhoon Resistant Housing Units by
Canadian Building Firm**

1659. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) and the Governments of Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh have jointly placed order on a leading Canadian Building firm to set up six earthquake and typhoon resistant low cost housing units; and

(b) by when, these units will be ready for operation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Utilization of funds under poverty alleviation programmes

1660. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of utilisation of funds under various poverty alleviation programmes during the Ninth Five Year Plan; scheme-wise;

(b) the reasons for low utilisation of funds;

(c) whether this has affected the physical targets set under these schemes; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) The Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation has been implementing Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), a Centrally Sponsored Urban Poverty Alleviation Programme, with effect from 01.12.1997 with a view to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed or under-employment poor through (i) encouraging the setting up of self-employment ventures by those who have read upto 9th standard and (ii) provision of wage employment by utilising their labour for construction of socially and economically useful public assets. The scheme is funded in the ratio of 75:25 between the Centre and the States. As per the information available with the Ministry, the States/ UTs have reported an expenditure of Rs.718 crores under this programme from out of the total sum of Rs.1137 crores made available to them, including their own share, upto 31.03.2001.

(b) The States/UTs needed some time to conduct detailed surveys for identifying target groups. There has also been inadequate financial co-operation from Banks in sanctioning the loans to prospective beneficiaries. Although the utilisation of funds under SJSRY had initially been relatively low, it has picked up some momentum due to vigorous monitoring of the scheme at Central level.

(c) and (d) The targets are left to be decided by the State Governments in accordance with the guidelines of the scheme and the result of beneficiary surveys. While 344186 persons have been assisted to set up their micro enterprises, 379.33 lakhs mandays of work have been generated.

Mushrooming of Banquet Halls in residential areas of Delhi

1661. SHRI S. SIVASUBRAMANIAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are taking any steps to stop the mushrooming of Banquet Halls being run in the residential areas of Delhi;